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RESULTS IN LIGHT OF SOVIET/EGYPTIAN TREATY

REF: CAIRO 1926; CAIRO 1958

1. JUNE 30 AKHBAR AL-YAWM HAS FOLLOWING ARTICLE ON
PAGE ONE;

QUOTE: AKHBAR AL-YAWM HAS LEARNED THAT CAIRO IS
CAREFULLY STUDYING THE RESULTS OF TALKS BETWEEN
PRESIDENTS NIXON AND BREZHNEV WHICH RESULTED IN A
JOINT COMMUNIQUE... IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOVIET/EGYPTIAN
TREATY WHICH WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR IN 1971.
FOREIGN MINISTER DR. MOHAMMED HASSAN AL-ZAYYAT HAS STATED THAT
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EGYPT IS STUDYING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE TALKS WITH

NECESSARY ATTENTION 'BECAUSE WE CONSIDER IT AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT FROM WHICH WE MIGHT CONCLUDE MANY LESSONS.' DR. ZAYYAT SAID 'WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES BEAR BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD ISSUES OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AT THE CORE OF THE UN CHARTER, WHICH INCLUDES BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD SOCIETY. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE IS THE ILLEGALITY OF THE SEIZURE OF LAND BY INVASION(SIC)'. ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE SOVIET/EGYPTIAN TREATY STIPULATES THAT THE TWO PARTIES ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN ENSURING PEACE AND SECURITY FOR THE PEOPLES AND ASCRIBE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE COORDINATION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. TO ACHIEVE THIS END, THE TWO PARTIES WILL CONSULT REGULARLY AT VARIOUS LEVELS ABOUT ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IN THE EVEN OF THE EMERGENCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH IN THE VIEW OF BOTH OF THE PARTIES CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO OR A VIOLATION OF PEACE, THEY SHALL CONTACT EACH OTHER IMMEDIATELY WITH THE INTENTION OF COORDINATING THEIR POSITIONS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE THREAT OR REESTABLISH PEACE. THE TWO SIDES PROMISE IN ARTICLE TEN OF THE TREATY NOT TO ENTER INTO ANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH CONFLICT WITH IT. END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: GOE HAS INDICATED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS THAT IT IS PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO NIXON/BREZHNEV SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. AKHBAR'S LINKAGE OF ZAYYAT'S REMARKS WITH THE SOVIET/EGYPTIAN TREATY (ARTICLE SEVEN OF TREATY IS GIVEN IN FULL TEXT ABOVE), HOWEVER, PROBABLY REPRESENTS ONE SIDE OF A DEBATE NOW UNDERWAY WITHIN THE GOE, AND IS NOT NECESSARILY A GOE POSITION. ON THIS SIDE STAND THOSE WHO APPARENTLY ADVOCATE A HARDER ANTI-SOVIET LINE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF SUGGESTING SOME FORM OF EGYPTIAN RETRIBUTION, IN THE WAKE OF THE SUMMIT. AKHBAR HAS IN PAST DAYS REFLECTED THEIR VIEWS. JUNE 27 ARTICLE BY MUSA SABRI (CAIRO 1926) IS CASE IN POINT AND IS PARALLELED BY JUNE 30 EDITORIAL BY IHSAN ABDEL QUDDUS WHICH, WHILE MORE MODERATE, NEVERTHELESS STATES FLATLY THAT SUMMIT RESULTS AMOUNT TO RECOGNITION BY SUPERPOWERS

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OF ISRAEL'S FAIT ACCOMPLI IN ME. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ISSUE ARE THOSE COUNSELING RESTRAINT, SUCH AS HEYKAL, ON BASIS THAT SUMMIT RESULTS WERE EXPECTED AND EGYPT STILL NEEDS SOVIET MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT.

3. IF ANYTHING, GOE POSITION SEEMS CLOSER TO LATTER VIEW. AHRAM WRITER MOHAMMED SID AHMAD POINTED OUT TO US IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT MUSA SABRI SHIFTED

POSITIONS BETWEEN JUNE 27 (CAIRO 1926) AND JUNE 29
(CAIRO 1958) TOWARDS MORE MODERATE LINE; AND, IN VIEW
OF PAST EVIDENCE THAT MUSA SABRI KEEPS HIS EAR FINELY
TUNED TO SADAT'S VIEWS, WE THINK THIS SIGNIFICANT.
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